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ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- * This coming Tuesday evening, 25 March, at 7:30 P.M., in conjunction with the next Conference on Religion, the speaker, Father Latchford, will be at McClintic-Marshall House for an evening of conversation. The Gryphons have been invited by M and M to come over for the give-and-take. Sounds worthwhile to us.
- * This coming Monday evening 24 March at 10:00, in Richards Lounge, our next Grand Gryphon meeting will be convened. On the agenda at present are committee reports from all over, and a proposal for a change in the Constitution re-elections. Since there are likely also to be a few "official"-type announcements from the University, this should be regarded as a must meeting by all Gryphons. You hear, now?
- * Don't forget the next Gryphonblast, to be held this Saturday from 9:30 P.M. - 2 A.M. in Dravo House Counselors' Lounge. Stags and drags will intermingle freely. Entertainment will be provided in the form of recorded music, with perhaps a few comic skits by some of the more talented Gryphons.
- * Fuzzy sez: Please reserve Thursday, 27 March, for a dinner meeting, at which Dr. Millon will speak. Details later.

THE FOLLOWING REPORT, prepared after its contents were discussed over a two-week period by Dravo House Counselors, speaks for itself. It is published so that all counselors might be aware of the committee's suggestions, and so that we all might discuss this intelligently at the next Gryphonmeeting.

At a recent Dravo House meeting, an idea was discussed concerning the organization of a freshman group to talk about the counseling program. Because the counselors as a group could not come up with a definite plan, a committee was formed to kick the problem around and attempt to arrive at some definite recommendations. The committee made the following suggestions:

A group be created through which the freshmen can meet, discuss and express their own viewpoints on policies and practices of the counseling program. Briefly, this group would be a committee of freshmen who have definite ideas about the counseling program. Members of the committee would be selected by the section counselors and approved by the sections. It would be the job of these representatives to solicit ideas from their sections and to present these ideas at a meeting of fellow representatives. The committee would try to come up with some proposals to be put before the administration and counselors. Definite action could then be taken on any such proposals.

The meetings would be held in a relaxed, informal atmosphere under the direction of one of the freshmen of the committee. Generalities are to be avoided; specific topics should be the subject of discussion whenever possible. One or two counselors should be present at the meetings but only in an advisory capacity.

If such an agency were organized, it would serve several purposes. It would:

- 1-Give the frosh a chance, if they so desire, to accept some responsibility in the administration that so vitally affects their lives.
- 2-Further the desirable aim of having more cooperation rather than antagonism between the counselors and frosh.
- 3-Afford the opportunity of improving communications between the frosh and the administration.
- 4-Give the frosh a feeling that they are consulting partners rather than mere puppets. (We know that they are not just puppets but they may have that impression).
- 5-Show the frosh that the counselors wish the frosh to cooperate with them in the seeking of workable, equitable solutions to controversial problems.

We feel that this may be a real opportunity to gain more cooperation between the freshmen and counselors. Any such gain will ultimately benefit and improve the counseling program. We welcome and want your ideas and opinions on this subject.

D.Derse, M.Masuda, P.Niiler, E.Schickodanz

THE FOLLOWING LETTER to the editors presents a view contrary to that expressed by the committee above. We print it without comment, inasmuch as it, also, speaks for itself.

Though there are certainly attractive points to the idea explained above, I believe there are other considerations which might weigh against the use of such a

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plan. First, I think it is an undeniable fact that a process of evaluation and counselor-freshman interchange of ideas is going on right now (in fact, has been going on since the frosh first lost their awe of the University), at the section level, and even at the personal level. I will go on to state that this process, while more subtle and unobtrusive than the proposed plan, is actually more efficient, and infinitely more meaningful, both to freshmen and counselors. There are several other objections to the idea of freshman councils of the sort described. For one, there are certain things which you and I realize are just thus-and-so, and cannot be changed. The administration directs, we serve. This is a difficult thing to explain to a freshman who is goaded into objection by an immediate problem. Can a group of counselors unknown to the freshman explain this to him any better than his own counselor who has been (or ought to have been) building up the freshman's confidence in him. Or can the group listen to the plea, and then choosing non-committal silence, leave the freshman simmering in the juice of his own conjectures? If I were a freshman this would not satisfy me.

And we should also realize that though the Gryphons look at problems with a "counselor's point of view", there are forty-two of us, picked, among other things, for fairmindedness; forty-two of us with fingertips on the most sensitive pulse of freshman opinion; forty-two receptive, cogitating personalities, who are concerned with these problems, and who seek solutions to them with a perserverance no freshman ever mastered. For let us be realistic. The frosh are going to come up with no earthshaking revisal of the system - nor will they try to. Unless a freshman is involved in an immediate and personal problem, he doesn't give two hoots and a shake about the counseling system.

We do. That is why I fear, now that the dust has settled from that "other" incident, something like this would serve only to stir up more problems, rather than do any good.

-- N. L.

NEXT DEADLINE: Saturday noon, 22 March. Note change. We pay top prices for acceptable material.



At its last meeting the Executive Board chose an official Gryphon key, which will be on display in Richards Lounge beginning today. The order blank attached hereto is self-explanatory.

All prices are subject to federal and state taxes. If our order totals 25 or more pins the prices are reduced by 20%.

Return this order blank to Dave Wisner at 314 Drinker before 29 March. Payment is due on or before 12 April at the same place.

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